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MRF STOCK HITS ₹1 LAKH PRICE MARK

Tyre maker MRF on Tuesday reached a new milestone as its stock hit Rs 1 lakh mark during the day. The stock went up to Rs 1,00,300 — also its 52-week high level — on the BSE during the day. Shares of the company ended at Rs 99,950.65, a gain of 1.02 per cent. In intra-day, it climbed 1.37 per cent to Rs 1,00,300. MRF commands one of the highest price quotations on the exchanges | **P13**

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Dorsey claims India threatened to shut Twitter

Govt denies allegations, says it violated laws

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

IN a sensational allegation, Twitter co-founder and former CEO **Jack Dorsey** said the Indian government threatened to shut down the social media platform during the farmers' protest in 2020 and 2021.

Dorsey, who quit as Twitter CEO in 2021, also alleged that the Indian government threatened the company with raids on its employees if it did not take down posts and restrict accounts that were critical of the government. He made the revelations in an interview.

Vehemently denying the accusations, Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said Twitter under Dorsey had a problem accepting the sovereignty of Indian law. Taking to Twitter, the minister said the platform repeatedly violated law from 2020 to 2022 and it was only in June 2022 when it finally complied.

"No one went to jail nor was Twitter shut down. Dorsey's Twitter regime behaved as if the laws of India did not apply to it. India as a sovereign nation has the right to ensure that its laws are followed by all companies operating in India," the minister tweeted. He said during the farmers' protest, there was a lot of misinformation on the social media platform, which had the potential to further inflame the situation.

Information Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said Dorsey is trying to cover up his misdeeds, adding the Twitter's own internal communications had exposed how the platform was misused.

Opposition parties quickly latched on to Dorsey's comments with the Congress saying when the farmers were protesting, the Centre was trying to suppress this news.

"BJP leads in embarrassing the country... We will continue to foil BJP's conspiracy to end democracy in the country," said Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

"Opposition voices are regularly being suppressed by the government," said Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate.

> I promise you (Karnataka State NPS Employees' Association) to bring back OPS. I want you to ensure that my government's five guarantees reach the beneficiaries
>
> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

INDUSTRIES OPPOSE HIKE IN POWER TARIFF

Members of 32 district chambers of commerce and 200 other trade bodies held a meeting on Tuesday opposing the power tariff hike. "We have a meeting with Power Minister KJ George. He has assured us to discuss the matter with the CM. After that, the next course of action will be decided," said the FKCCI president. | **P4**

WILL BRING BACK OLD PENSION SCHEME: CM

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday promised to bring back the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and said that a decision in this regard will be taken at the next cabinet meeting. He is likely to announce the same in the State Budget on July 7.

Members of the Karnataka State NPS Employees' Association met Siddaramaiah and appealed to him to bring back OPS.

Siddaramaiah promised them that OPS will be brought back. He asked them to work towards the successful implementation of the five guarantees of his government.

Senior Congress leader VS Ugrappa said the New Pension Scheme (NPS) came into being on April 1, 2006. In all, 2.98 lakh employees come under this scheme. Their pension money has been deposited with NSDL which will be given at the time of their retirement. He urged the CM to bring back OPS.

Karnataka State NPS Employees' Association president Shantaram Tej too explained that in Rajasthan and Chattisgarh, NPS has been scrapped.

Karnataka should also scrap NPS. The pension money deposited till now can be utilised by the government to implement development works. Of the Rs 19 crore deposited, Rs 9 crore is employees' share which they can convert into general provident fund and the government's share of Rs 10 crore can be utilised to implement development works, he added.

Guarantees barrier to pay panel recommendations?

With the state government struggling to arrange revenues for its five guarantees, another challenge it may face in implementing the Seventh Pay Commission recommendations.

The commission is expected to submit its report in next few weeks, recommending a pay increase for government employees and it could cause an additional burden of Rs 12,000 crore on the state exchequer | **P4**

WFI ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON JULY 6

Retired Chief Justice of the J&K High Court MM Kumar issued a notice for polls on Tuesday. The family members of outgoing WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh will not contest the federation elections despite eligibility, said sources | **P15**

EXPRESS READ

82 properties of Reddy to be attached

Bengaluru: A special court passed an order to attach 82 properties of former minister G Janardhan Reddy and his wife G Lakshmi Aruna, over illegal mining, till disposal of criminal proceedings pending against him | **P4**

4 dead as chemical tanker explodes

Pune: Four people were killed and three injured when a chemical-laden tanker caught fire following an accident and exploded on Pune-Mumbai Expressway on Tuesday. Three of the dead were motorists on the road.

K'taka boy secures 5th rank in NEET-UG

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT
@ New Delhi/Bengaluru

DHRUV Advani from Karnataka secured the 5th rank in the NEET-UG exams whose results were announced on Tuesday. Advani scored with 99.30% with 715/720.

Tamil Nadu's Prabanjan J and Andhra Pradesh's Bora Varun Chakravarthi topped the NEET-UG exams with 99.99 percentile scores. Both scored 720 on 720 marks.

The third position was also bagged by a Tamil Nadu boy, Kaustav Bauri. He scored 716 marks with a 99.999068 percentile score. The sixth and ninth positions, too, went to Tamil Nadu boys — Surya Siddharth N and Varun S, who were among the top 10 on the merit list.

Among the girls, Pranjal Aggarwal from Punjab topped the list with 715 marks. She stood fourth in the all-India rank list. Ashika Aggarwal, also from Punjab, followed with 715. Her AIR is 11. The third position among girl toppers was bagged by Arya R S from Kerala with 711 marks.

Delhi girl Mimansha Moun bagged the fourth position among the top 20 girls.

Woman walks into police stn with mom's body in a bag

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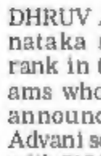
PERSONNEL at MICO Layout Police Station were quite surprised to see a woman walk into the station with a trolley bag. But there was a bigger shock waiting for them when she opened the bag that had the body of an elderly woman stuffed inside it. The woman, **Sonali Sen** (39), is from West Bengal, who till recently practised as a physiotherapist in the city. The body was that of her 71-year-old mother Biva Pal.



Sonali, her husband, their son – who suffers from a mental illness, her mother and mother-in-law had been living in an apartment at Bilekahalli in MICO Layout for the last six years. After the death of her father, who was a retired West Bengal government employee, Sonali brought her mother to live with her. **P3**

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